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Panel to Study U.S. Forces' Indoctrination

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WASHINGTON—In a move designed to find answers on how military personnel should be indoctrinated on American goals and the nature of communism, Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara yesterday named a 13-man committee of distinguished citizens to make a thorough study of "nonmilitary instruction."

T. Keith Glennan of Cleveland, president of Case Institute of Technology and former head of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, will serve on it. Chairman will be another Ohioan, Karl R. Bendetsen of Hamilton. He is president of Champion Paper Co. and a former under-secretary of the Army.

The problem of information and education for the armed forces on what the world struggle is actually all about is not a new one, but has been brought to top-level attention by a series of headline-making incidents.

Chief among these were the case of Maj. Gen. Edwin Walker, who resigned from the Army after an overseas dispute on his own troop indoctrination program, and a pending Senate inquiry into the entire area.

The Senate hearing is to begin Jan. 23, under Sen. John Stennis, D-Miss. While this is commonly termed an examination into Pentagon "muzzling" of military officers, it is actually concerned with speech censorship, troop information and education and the participation of military personnel in public information seminars.

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Defense spokesmen emphasized that the creation of the new civilian committee, which will devote itself solely to troop information and education, was not a maneuver to take the heat off the Pentagon just before it began to testify on Capitol Hill.

Assistance is sought on these points:

- What does the committee consider to be the appropriate objectives and goals of the program of non-military instruction?

• What are the practical mechanisms and criteria for measuring the effectiveness of these programs?

- What is the committee's attitude toward the present assignment of responsibility for non-military instruction?

In announcing establishment of the committee, McNamara said this:

"The training of our troops is a vital element in our national defense. An important segment of this training is that given in military organizations through the troop information and education program."

"While steps have already been taken to strengthen and improve these programs under the direction of the assistant secretary of defense for manpower, Carlisle P. Runge, both Mr. Runge and I feel that these programs are of such critical importance that we should obtain the advice of distinguished and knowledgeable citizens on how we might further our efforts in this field."

Other committee members are:

Dr. James Phinney Baxter of the Council of Foreign Relations, New York; (former president of Williams College); Theodore W. Braun of Braun & Co., Los Angeles; Adm. Arthur A. Burke (ret.); former chief of naval operations; Prof. Hardy Cross Dillard of the University of Virginia; Allen W. Dulles, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency; Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther (ret.), president of the American Red Cross and former supreme commander of NATO.

Morris L. Leibman, senior partner of Crowell & Leibman, Chicago attorneys; Ralph E. McGill, editor of the Atlanta Constitution; Rev. John C. Murray, S.J., of Woodstock College, Woodstock, Md.; Thomas J. Watson Jr., chairman of the International Business Machines Corp., and Gen. Thomas D. White (ret.), former chief of staff of the U.S. Air